

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/069,849

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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*-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--*

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to Response filed on December 21, 2004.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-23, 28-31 and 33- 40.
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*  - c)  None of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 2/15/2005.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory M. Hill on February 15, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 26, 27 and 32.

In claim 18, in line 6, after the word "agent" insert, -- selected from group consisting of panthenol, one or more physiologically compatible panthenol derivatives, one or more plant extract, honey or combinations thereof. -- .

In claim 18, in line 8, replace "synthetic dye" with -- oxidation dye precursor --.

In claim 18, in line 9, insert -- substantive -- after the word "synthetic" and delete the word "precursor".

In claim 33, in line 1, replace "32" with -- 18 --.

In claim 35, in line 1, replace "32" with -- 18 --.

In claim 36, in line 1, replace "32" with -- 18 --.

In claim 37, in line 1, replace "32" with -- 18 --.

In claim 38, in line 4, after the word "agent" insert, -- selected from the group consisting of panthenol, one or more physiologically compatible panthenol derivatives, one or more plant Extract, honey or combinations thereof. --.

2 Claims 18-23, 28-31 and 33-40 are allowed.

#### STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record (US 4,425,132) does not teach or disclose a process for coloring keratin fibers comprising the step of applying to the keratin fibers a pretreatment composition that comprises a combination of at least one substantive dye and at least one fiber-structure- improving agent selected from the group consisting of panthenol, one or more physiologically compatible panthenol derivatives, one or more plant extract, honey or combinations thereof followed by the application of a coloring composition comprising at least one oxidation dye precursor or a synthetic substantive dye precursor as claimed. Accordingly, the claimed subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art of fibers coloring processes.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -5:30) with alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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